

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Members:

Marty Mozzo	Donna Moore	Ken Cooper
Sara Maas	Marjorie Brooks	John Loeper
Laurie Taylor (City Liaison)		

Open Public Meetings Announcement – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Approval of Minutes – No minutes were submitted for approval at this meeting. Minutes of March 4, 2015 will be submitted at the next meeting.

Pending Business

- Lecture Series
 - Remaining lectures that are scheduled will be March 19th with the Marine Mammal Institute with Sara Miele making the presentation “Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles”; April 16th with Brian Williamson of the Wetlands Institute on “Diamondback Terrapins”; May 21st with Pat Sutton on “Monarch Butterflies”; and June 11th with Chris Robine of the Stockton Coastal Center on “Beach Nourishment and Dune Vegetation”.
 - Donna Moore and Marjorie Brooks asked if the lecture series could be extended past June. This is okay; however, Donna is to check the availability of the library and possible conflicts with other city events during that time. Laurie will check the availability of the Bayside Center for lectures.
 - Additionally, Donna and her committee will develop potential topics for the lectures.
 - To date, the Lecture Series has met with great success and enthusiasm.
- ANJEC 2015 Grants – OCEC Demonstration Dune
 - A revised draft of the grant was provided to all parties.
 - Donna Moore and Marjorie Brooks asked if other plants could be included in the project such as Goldenrod.
 - The grant subcommittee will consider the request.
 - The grant will be submitted to Jim Mallon of the city for final approval.
- ANJEC 2015 Grants – Bayside Center
 - Marjorie Brooks voiced concern regarding the Bayside Center grant and why it was put on hold. It was explained that the city made that request, the Environmental Commission was immediately notified of this action, and the members of that subcommittee were thanked for their efforts. It was also explained that the work to date may be used as part of the Sustainable New Jersey program.

- Submitted Plan Review
 - Five plans were reviewed at the meeting. There were no comments from the Commission.

New Business

- April 25th will be beach sweep day in Ocean City. Mike Rossbach asked Laurie if the Environmental Commission would plant dune grass that day. Laurie agreed. Time and place to be determined.
- Laurie Taylor provided Donna Moore information on common area pesticide treatment per her request.
- Ken Cooper stated that a “Power Down Light” campaign will be held on March 28th from 8:30 to 9:30 PM. He asked EC members to participate in this worthwhile effort.

Public Comment – No one from the public was present at the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned Approximately 7:55 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Ken Cooper and seconded by Sara Maas.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 8th, 2015, 6:30PM at a location to be determined.